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REPRODUCTIVE MOTHER AND CHILD SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposed to extend the existing reproductive mother and child scheme to Orissa ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide the latest pre-natal diagnostic centres in Orissa where the scheme is going on; and

(e) if so , the other facilities for arresting infant mortality rate in Orissa?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) The Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Scheme is operational in the entire country including Orissa since 1997. The scheme amongst others has components for reduction of infant mortality rate(IMR), maternal mortality ratio(MMR) and total fertility rate(TFR).

(d) The scheme does not provide for pre-natal diagnostics centers.

(e) A number of the components of the ongoing RCH scheme aim to reduce infant mortality and these include:

- Universal immunization programme (UIP), where immunization of children is carried out against six vaccine preventable diseases;
- Control of deaths due to acute respiratory infections(ARI);
- Control of diarrhoeal diseases;
- Provision of essential new-born care to address the issue of the neonatates;
- Prophylactic programmes for the prevention and treatment of two micronutrient deficiencies relating to Vitamin-A and Iron. In addition, an I.M.R. Mission has also been launched by Government of Orissa since 2001.